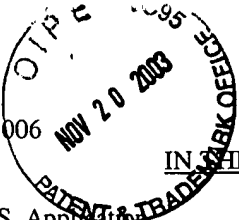


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PATENT APPLICATION #23

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Application )

Applicant(s): Kobayashi et al. )

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For: STORAGE MEDIUM AND METHOD )  
 AND APPARATUS FOR SEPARATELY )  
 PROTECTING DATA IN DIFFERENT )  
 AREAS OF THE STORAGE MEDIUM )

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